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TO THE SECRETARY FROM EA-HOLBROOKE

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SUBJECT: CHINA STATUS REPORT

PETER TARNOFF HAS RELAYED TO ME YOUR QUESTIONS CONCERNING
CHINA. THIS CABLE OUTLINES FOR YOU THE CURRENT STATUS OF
ALL SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES NOW UNDERWAY IN THIS AREA:

1. NORMALIZATION STUDY. THIS 29-PAGE STUDY, PREPARED AT
YOUR REQUEST, WAS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT WITH YOUR COVERING
MEMO ON APRIL 15. I HAVE HAD NO FURTHER WORD AS TO THE
REACTION TO THIS STUDY.

2. PRM 24. THIS PRM IS DUE JUNE 1. IT IS DIVIDED INTO

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THREE PARTS - PART I IS ON NORMALIZATION; PART II ON TAIWAN
DRAWDOWNS; PART III ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS. FIRST DRAFTS
ARE NOW BEING CIRCULATED. (NOTE: THIS PRM IS THE FIRST
TIME CHINA POLICY HAS EVER BEEN DISCUSSED OUTSIDE AN
EXTREMELY LIMITED CIRCLE- HOWEVER, THOSE AGENCIES WORKING
ON THE PRM HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO THE SENSITIVE
DOCUMENTS NOW IN OUR POSSESSION, PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.)

3. PRC MEETING ON CHINA. I HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE NSC THAT THIS MEETING BE SCHEDULED ON OR SHORTLY AFTER JUNE 10, IN ORDER TO ALLOW US TIME TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE FOLLOWING YOUR

RETURN FROM CIEC.

4. CLAIMS ASSETS DISCUSSIONS. AFTER TWO MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR HAN HSU THE CHINESE HAVE REJECTED OUR PROPOSAL. THE BALL IS BACK IN OUR COURT. I WILL ADDRESS THIS MATTER SEPARATELY IN DETAIL IN A SEPARATE MEMO THAT PETER WILL GIVE YOU.

5. ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH. SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29, THIS SPEECH SHOULD CONTAIN A SECTION ON CHINA WITH SOME SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON OUR EXPECTATIONS AND POSITION. WE HAVE FORMED A SPECIAL TASK FORCE (INCLUDING NSC, DOD, AND AID) TO PREPARE THIS SPEECH. A FIRST DRAFT WILL BE READY ON JUNE 1

6. YOUR TRIP TO PEKING. WE NEED NOW TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES. MAY WE OFFER THE PRC A CHOICE OF THE FOLLOWING "WINDOWS" FOR A FOUR-DAY TRIP: AUG 22-26, AUG 15-19, AUG 29 SEPT 2, SEPT 5-9. TRIP SHOULD INCLUDE A ONE-DAY STOP IN TOKYO ON THE WAY BACK. TOTAL TIME OF TRIP: ABOUT 7 DAYS.

7. U.S. PRESENCE IN TAIWAN. I HAVE BEGUN A REVIEW OF THE SIZE OF THE EMBASSY IN TAIWAN, WITH A VIEW TOWARDS ALLOWING IT TO DECLINE SOMEWHAT IN SIZE THROUGH ATTRITION WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN MOVE ON NORMALIZATION. I HAVE ASKED USIA TO DO THE SAME WITH ITS SWOLLEN USIS POST. AND NOW TO THE
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GOOD NEWS: THE SENATE HAS JUST VOTED OUT OF EXISTENCE THE TAIWAN MAAG, SAVING US A BATTLE WITH THE PENTAGON. FINALLY, AT OUR REQUEST, DOD IS DOWNGRADING THE RANK OF THE TAIWAN DEFENSE COMMANDER FROM THREE STARS TO TWO STARS NEXT MONTH.

8. CONGRESS. SENATOR SPARKMAN HAS WRITTEN YOU TO ASK IF IT IS TRUE, AS REPORTED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, THAT NIXON PROMISED THE PRC WE WOULD NORMALIZE RELATIONS BY 1976, AND ASKING FOR ANY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. WE ARE DRAFTING A REPLY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION WHICH PETER WILL HAVE WITH HIM.

9. PAKISTAN. AT THE REQUEST OF NEA, ON MAY 9 I GAVE HAN HSU A REPORT ON OUR CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN, TELLING HIM THAT BHUTTO'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST US WERE TOTALLY FALSE. I ALSO BROUGHT HIM UP TO DATE ON OUR VIETNAM TALKS.

10. OTHER VISITS. MORT ABRAMOWITZ (DOD/ISA) HAS ASKED IF WE WOULD OBJECT TO HIS MAKING A SHORT VISIT TO PEKING DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO ASIA. IF HE WENT, HE WOULD BECOME THE FIRST OFFICIAL FROM WASHINGTON TO VISIT PEKING ON HIS OWN SINCE JANUARY 20, AND THE FIRST PENTAGON OFFICIAL EVER TO GO. I CONSIDER THE PROPOSED TIMING VERY

UNWISE, AND TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD NOT CONSIDER ANY TRIP PRIOR TO YOURS. MORT HAS NOW ASKED IF HE COULD ACCOMPANY YOU. I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND AGAINST THIS, AS I THINK YOUR ENTOURAGE SHOULD BE VERY SMALL, AND NOT SET A HIGHLY-VISIBLE PRECEDENT OF TAKING A DEFENSE OFFICIAL. THIS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE WHICH WE ARE ADDRESSING IN THE PRM.

11. ZBIG AND MIKE OKSENBERG HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO QUICKEN THE PACE OF INTEREST ON CHINA AT THE WHITE HOUSE. MIKE IS PREPARING SEVERAL MEMOS ON CHINA FOR ZBIG; HE HAS PROMISED
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THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW THEM TO US INFORMALLY BEFORE THEY GO TO ZBIG, AND THAT YOU WILL SEE ANYTHING BEFORE IT GOES TO THE PRESIDENT. THIS UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NSC - THE RESULT OF LONG HOURS SPENT IN OUR INFORMAL EA GROUP - IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RATIONAL FORMULATION OF POLICY.

12. I ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL NEED TO HAVE INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS AFTER THE PRM IS DONE IN JUNE AND JULY OVER THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR CHINA POLICY AND ITS ROLE IN OUR GLOBAL STRATEGY. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PREPARE FOR THESE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE US DO IN MAY PRIOR TO YOUR RETURN. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. CHRISTOPHER

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